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THE SECRETARY SHOULD COME.

The Star repeats the expression of hope that Secretary Fisher or his right-hand man may find time for an Hawaiian trip and it does so as a friend of Governor Frear and of those who favor his renomination. All the Star has resented is the report that an "agent" or "commissioner" was coming to investigate Governor Frear after the President had left him free to answer charges by correspondence. This story was a political move of the plaintiffs in the case which the Judge had not granted but refused.

It seems to this paper to be distinctly in the interests of good government in Hawaii for the head of the Interior Department to study things as they are on this ground. The friends of Frear particularly want the Secretary to examine the land question with a view to assist the true Americanization of the Territory—an object dear to the heart of every man who loves progress.

It is remembered to the credit of this proposal that every American statesman who has spent time in Hawaii has gone away friendly and helpful to the territorial government, the cause it represents and to the Territory itself. The late Senator Morgan became our Washington sheet anchor; Secretary Garfield, Congressman Hitt, Senator Cullom, ex-Vice-President Fairbanks, "Uncle Joe" Cannon, Congressman Kahn, the long list of public men who have come here by invitation or without, have ever been ready during their lives—for a few of the number are now dead—to help the cause of civilization and Americanism here. Secretary Fisher would prove to be no exception to the rule. His coming would again strengthen American Hawaii at the national capital.

The Star sees no reason why an invitation to Secretary Fisher to come should not be extended to him by the commercial bodies.

ANNEXATION WAS NOT A SUGAR PLANTERS' SCHEME.

That the overthrow of the Hawaiian monarchy as the immediate precursor of annexation to the United States was a scheme of the sugar planters to obtain a permanently free market for their protected sugar is the view which has been taken by the intelligence which is represented by such journals as the New York Nation, Boston Herald and Transcript and Springfield Republican.

We propose at no distant day to show how it was that this utterly mistaken view came to be accepted. From October, 1890, until the Wilson bill of 1894, the McKinley free sugar bill had been law, and sugar was selling for about three cents. The treaty of reciprocity during the time of free sugar was worthless to Hawaii, and the Republican caucus resolution to denounce it had caused no anxiety here. The next move by Hawaii, and this would have kept the treaty safe as far as Washington was concerned, would have been to give an exclusive harbor privilege to England, in return for trading advantages and security from political disturbance.

Thirty-Six Years Ago

The Kansas City Journal directs attention to the memory that at about this time of year, thirty-six years ago, the country was resounding with the declarations of noisy gentlemen that General Grant would be the next President "because the people demanded it." There are people who are always irritated when the occurrences of the past are cited as having instruction for the obligations of the present. In a measure this irritation is justified, because no two cases run exactly parallel, and every new proposition has a right to examination on its own merits. Yet the things which happened afloat are often profitable for our contemplation, and this episode in the lives of the nation and of U. S. Grant is not without valuable suggestion. It is certainly true that thirty-six years ago the big noise of this country proclaimed that "the people demanded" General Grant's nomination for a third term in the presidency. Grant himself played with the suggestion, evidently being more than willing to have a third nomination. His letter to General Harry White of Pennsylvania discussed the subject elaborately, but failed to say definitely that he would not run again. He did say, speaking of the third term, "I do not want it any more than I did at first," but he made, ingeniously or otherwise, the observation that the Constitution put no restriction upon the period a president might serve. This attitude was all the encouragement that the champions of the third term needed from Grant himself, and they vigorously supplied the shouting about the alleged people's demand. When the time for the convention came, however, it was apparent that the Grant forces could not win, and he was not even in the balloting. Then and thereafter in that campaign not a sign existed of the people's demand which had been so insistently proclaimed.

Four years afterwards, the Grant movement appeared again, this time with a skillfully organized machinery, and with a genuinely earnest enthusiasm on the part of its backers. This time, Grant was put to the test of the vote in the convention, and though thirty-six ballots maintained his strength of 306 votes, with only an occasional lapse of one or two, at the end, all the elements opposed to Grant united on James A. Garfield, and the hope of the ex-president for another four years in the White House vanished forever.

In the ante-convention period "the people's demand" had been revived as vociferously as ever; when the convention adjourned, that demand went too. The people were clearly well enough satisfied. Garfield got all the votes that Grant could have expected to get. Really, there was no "demand," except from a very small minority. The sentiment that no man should have a third term in the presidency was paramount.

The Power of Sugar

Nothing could better illustrate the grip which the "sugar interests" have upon the markets of the world than the present situation in Russia. The beet sugar output in 1911 was the greatest that Russia has ever known. Taken with the surplus at the beginning of the year, it amounted to 4,947,344,600 pounds of sugar. The markets of Russia and Finland absorb 3,213,968,000 pounds, leaving a surplus of 1,733,376,600 pounds.

By the terms of the Brussels convention Russia is bound by an agreement not to export more than 440,566,400 pounds of sugar in a year. The problem, therefore, is what to do with the unusable, unsellable 1,292,809,600 pounds of sugar. The sugar manufacturers of Russia have used this crisis to ask the signatory powers to the Brussels convention, which restricted the export of Russian sugar, to reopen the question.

The people of the world may well ask what influences are sufficient to force a Brussels convention to tie up over 1,000,000,000 pounds of sugar in Russia in the face of a rising market.

Sugar has risen in price all over the world. The wholesale London prices in 1898 was 2.38 cents a pound; in 1906 it was 3.66; in 1910, 4.06 cents a pound. Granulated sugar retails in Berlin and Paris for practically the same price as in Chicago, and yet somebody has enough "pull" with the signatory powers to the Brussels convention to keep Russia's huge surplus off the market.—Vancouver Sun.

His Hat Is In The Ring

New Bedford Republican Standard: Having stated with all the positiveness of which language is capable that under no circumstances would he again be a candidate for the presidency, and having emphatically reiterated that declaration, Theodore Roosevelt now says, "I will accept the nomination for president if it is tendered me." On his behalf, the information is given out that he will not head a third party if the Chicago convention fails to nominate him as the candidate of the Republican party. This is said to come from "an authoritative source," the identity of which is not disclosed. Evidently this is not the Colonel himself, as he is no longer to be considered an authoritative source of information concerning his own intentions. We have

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WALT MASON.

to question if anybody is. "Out of the question" can be no more of an obstacle than "under no circumstances" has been.

Plain people, holding that there is something worth while in old-fashioned honor and obligation, will be disposed to consider Mr. Roosevelt's treatment of Mr. Taft as being contemptible. Apparently that view of the matter does not commend itself to the Colonel and the Colonel's friends. In private life, a man who had pursued his course which Mr. Roosevelt has pursued with respect to the President would be considered very much of a bounder. There are persons who will entertain that view now, regardless of the dictum of Governor Stubbs of Kansas, that Mr. Roosevelt has made a splendid display of patriotism.

Naturally there will be an intense—probably bitter—pre-convention campaign. Signs of that are unmistakable. So far as the Republican party is concerned, the prospect of disaster at the polls overshadows all the other prospects of the moment.

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

RALPH KEARNS—Well, what if it is raining; if it didn't rain once in awhile, we'd all dry up and blow away.

SUPERVISOR MCLELLAN—Whitehouse received four votes in caucus and then the choice was made unanimously.

J. J. WALSH—Small farming should pay well on Oahu, and onions would seem to be the crop that people should put in.

W. A. RIDEOUT—A little attachment can be put on your telephone that will keep it from warbling at night.

LORRIN ANDREWS—It doesn't look as if the coming campaign would be what you would call an amiable interlude.

JOE COHEN—No, there is absolutely no foundation to the statement circulated by certain unscrupulous persons that I was formerly a toe-dancer.

SUPERVISOR MURRAY—No one is displaced by the choice of Whitehouse for city and county engineer. One good man resigns and another one takes his place.

TREASURER CONKLING—Although the twenty-five million dollar mark was not quite reached, there is a fine increase in the total assessments of the Territory.

C. J. MCCARTHY—If McCandless gets the nomination, I will do all in my power to help him. Should I get the nomination, I expect McCandless to work just as hard for me.

JOHN SMITH—The local militia need hardly take the trouble to prepare for enlisting people in time of war. What, in heaven's name, has our militia to do with war? It ought to attend strictly to its politics and be done with it. War is for soldiers.

REV. A. A. EBERSOLE—There are a lot of people in Honolulu who remind me of the old woman who said she would go to church more often only it was uphill both ways from where she lived.

ED TOWSE—It is not too early to agitate for a commercial building from the Commercial Club's point of view. Our present lease will expire in five years, and it will take some time to settle details and put the building up.

CAPTAIN H. JENSEN—I find that there are a great many Norwegians in this port who are interested in the development of Norwegian shipping and are counting upon seeing quite a good deal of it come this way when the canal is open.

PERCY POND—Come down and see how my work of swamp reclamation is going ahead on the Waikiki road. Also note what the military have done near by. We are setting a good example to the rest of the swamp land owners.

CHARLES BELLINA—There is a fine piece of coral road near Laie, which has lasted ten years. When it is out of repair a little more coral, of which there is a large supply near by, fixes it. The road is good for automobiles and it is the cheapest highway to build in this Territory.

COUNT CANAVARRO—Among the most devout Roman Catholics of the world are the Chinese of Macao. Another devout class are the Indians of Goa, the place where the body of that wonderful man, St. Francis Xavier is buried. These people, besides being religious, are the best of cooks and stewards. One of them is a steward for the Inter-Island company.

"Under The Coconut Tree"

By H. M. Ayres.

Johnny Marlin says that it's better to be a strap-hanger in the car of the Lord than to occupy a front seat in the motor-car of the Devil.

A pill might rightly be referred to as a medicine ball.

In the Educational Review for the current month appears an article from the pen of J. Kennedy, entitled, "The Dam is Out." The surprising thing about the article is that one can read it clear through without finding even a veiled reference to profanity.

The cruisers of the Atlantic squadron should make a hit at Olongapo where the spring target practice will take place.

Frequently when a man gets into a proposition on the ground floor he comes out both ground and floor.

Hilo's to have a "Who's Who." How'll they ever find out is what beats us.

The situation in a nut-shell: Stocks slumping, Kibbo bumping, McCandless bumping, And the circulation of the Star ever and eternally jumping.

Kilbane killed Attila's claim to the featherweight title, all right.

A couple of hundred years from now expeditions will probably be financed for the purpose of recovering treasure

amounting to \$5,000,000 supposed to be aboard the English treasure-ship Oceana, wrecked in March 1912 off Beachy Head.

If the Campbell sounds will it Wakefield?

It is to be hoped that Editor Bridge-water won't have to sign his name "Takewater" when he has got out of his Kaial pilikia.

It would be cruel but not altogether unexpected if someone were to land a riparian right on Messrs. Allen & Robinson.

John Lane seems to be getting so that he doesn't know a white man when he sees one.

The exclusion of Jimmy Fitzmaurice from the Kaiali Receiving Station is mighty rough on the readers of the London Times.

How about the Boy Scouts taking the Hawaii up to the Coast and sailing her in the coming Transpacific yacht race?

Japan's explorers are reported to have returned safely from their expedition in quest of the South Pole. If we remember rightly, the Shirase party took spectacular oaths before departing for the frozen South, to find the pole or die in the attempt.

Gardner is going to Ewa to play tennis. His opponent will be Green-

field, and this is quite as it should be, for a Gardner and a Greenfield is certainly a natural combination.

There will be no spelling exercises at the Grammar School sports this afternoon.

Humane Officer Rose Davison is certainly on the qui vive for any manifestations of inhumanity which may crop up. There was that case of Theophilus, the pet bear of the revenue cutter Thetis, being enjoined not to "catch, kill and devour" a chicken on the sands at Waikiki; and only last night there was a baby-distributing stunt at a local theater on which the gallant officer put her foot down good and hard.

They'd better not try to fool with Miss Davison!

The real cause of the trouble between the Chinese and the Irish on St. Patrick's Day was caused by a son of Erin overhearing the Celestial explaining to another that the green banner flying proudly over the Liberty Theater in honor of the day, was a new flag of the Chinese republic.

FORT RUGER'S NEW BARRACKS

The new barracks at Fort Ruger will be ready for occupancy on or about the first of June, according to Major Archibald Campbell of headquarters. Since March, 1911, work on the new concrete barracks has been in progress and when the two companies stationed at Ruger move into their new quarters in June, it will mean an end to the tent life.

The shacks at present occupied by the officers will be given to the non-commissioned staff officers and married soldiers while the officers will move into their new quarters in the barracks.

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at Schofield be accomplished by December 1, the present garrison will be fairly well provided for," said the major, "although it is very doubtful that the new barracks at Schofield will be completed in any such short time."

There will be a sunrise prayer meeting on the top of Punchbowl at 6:30 o'clock Sunday morning in commemoration of the birthday anniversary of Fannie J. Crosby, the famous hymn composer, who is ninety-two years of age Sunday. John M. Martin will be in charge. P. W. Rider of the Kakaako mission will lead the singing. Fred Butler and Mrs. Butler will also be present and may sing. Songs will be rendered in six different languages.



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